PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT EXAMPLES

The California Department of Education recognizes that current education involvement in the high-tech industry varies widely throughout the state. Education providers must have certified instructors to teach the high tech programs that lead to certification.

This application is to be used to further the involvement of high schools and ROCPs by providing funding for a variety of activities that lead to a strengthened program in the high tech area. Examples of uses of the funding could include:

?? Funding for staff development courses for teachers in existing high tech programs (Automotive Youth Educational System (AYES); CISCO, ORACLE and A+).

High school and ROCP teachers are required to attend various courses to maintain their certification. The funding available in this grant could be used for registration, travel and per diem costs. **Note**: staff development must be outside the regular school day.

?? Purchase of laptop for existing Automotive Youth Educational System (AYES) program.

High School and ROCPs may wish to enhance existing data systems by using technology to link local education providers. This would allow the education partners in the local area to communicate electronically and share data on students. **Note**: if a laptop is purchased, the AYES program must stay in operation for more than 2 years or the laptop must be returned to the California Department of Education.

?? Funding for programs that have a commitment to participate in a formal certification program.

Some local education agencies have committed to offer the high-tech certification programs. This funding could be used to help the local education agency gain the certification to offer the high-tech programs. For example, Program has begun National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) certification process and notified the California AYES Director prior to application for grant monies. **Note**: funding cannot be used to purchase equipment.

This funding does not need to be limited to these examples. You will need to describe your intended uses of the money when you complete your application.